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SUBJ: FRG VIEW OF FRENCH CIEC POSITION

REF: BONN 15037

1. ACCORDING TO FRAU STEEG, ASSISTANCE SECRETARY IN
ECONMIN, THE FRENCH DELEGATION, WHICH WAS IN BONN
YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR THE NORTH/SOUTH
DIALOGUE, REACHED ON THE SURFACE AGREEMENT ON
COMMODITIES WITH THE GERMANS. SHE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER,
IT WAS A COMMITMENT TO "EXAMINE" A NUMBER OF THINGS
WITHOUT AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT ANYTHING EXAMINED. SHE
DOES NOT THEREFORE FEEL THAT IT REFLECTS A CHANGE
IN THE POSITIONS OF EITHER COUNTRY.

2. FRAU STEEG EXPRESSED HER PERSONAL DOUBT THAT WE
WOULD MEET THE DEADLINE FOR A DECEMBER CONFERENCE,
AND THIS MEETING WOULD PROBABLY SLIP INTO EARLY NEXT
YEAR. NUMBER TWO IN THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAD ALSO
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EXPRESSED TO HER THE SAME PERSONAL OPINION AS TO

THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING THE DECEMBER DEADLINE.

3. FRAU STEEG'S VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF SLIPPAGE
WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE'S
WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
SLIPPAGE. HILLENBRAND UNQUOTE HABIB

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